medium of communication like Directorate of Field Publicity which reaches the remote, rural-cum-tribal, backward areas of the country, conducts large number of film shows, oral communication programmes and group discussion on this issue. The Song and Drama Division also covers rural and hilly, backward and tribal areas of the country through folk media.

Statement

PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN MARRIED AND CONCEIVED BEFORE THE AGE OF 18 YEARS IN 5 STATES

	Uttar Pradesh		Madhya Pradesh	Orissa	Karnataka		Bombay Slums
	Hilly	Rural			Rural	Urban	
1. % married before the age of 18 years	87.4	72.9	90.3	51.3	86.4	63.6	76.8
2. % Conceived before the age of 18 years	37.5	26.0	59.0	28 5	43 1	33.2	47.1

Aid sought by Government of Kerala to achieve cent percent Literacy

185. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has sought cent percent Cenral aid for a programme aimed at achieving cent percent literacy in two or three districts in that State by 1990-91; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Kerala desired extension of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rural Functional Literacy Project to three districts of the State. The State Government has been requested for making available project details, which are awaited.

Construction of foot bridge at Peruman railway station in Quilon

186. SHRI N E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has requested the Central Government to construct a foot bridge on either side of the Peruman Railway Bridge in the Quilon district of that State; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's decision thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to provide 1 M wide footpath on either side of the girders of the existing bridge.

Deaths Killer Disease in the Tribal Areas

187. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 321 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the number of tribals in Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh